Detroit Poetry Tour—Teacher’s Guide

**Students should bring a jacket, pen(s), notebook, comfortable shoes, and digital camera (*optional*). I’d like to organize the poems by People Mover stop/location, so as they write them, if they could make a note of where they are…that would be great.**

**Tentative Schedule:**

9:00—Meet in Village for safety rules

9:15—Depart for bus stop

9:30—Arrive bus stop

10:00—Arrive Grand Circus Park People Mover Station

11:15(?)—Lunch in Hart Plaza

12:00—Back on People Mover

12:30—Arrive bus stop

1:00—Arrive UPA

**Bus Notes:**

*Teachers: Board bus first. Tell driver how many you are paying for. Then pay all fares at once.*

Catch #53 bus at the corner of: Woodward & Palmer--$1.50 per person

Exit bus at: Grand Circus Park—Woodward b/t Oak & Park (*those arriving first wait for the others, please)*

**People Mover Schedule/Notes:**

For the scheduled stops, get off at the stations, take in the sites, surroundings, and station art. *Please position adult chaperones at the end of your line as you get on and off the trains, to make sure no one is left behind.*

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| *Stop #* | *Stop Name* | *Sites to see* |
| 1 | Grand Circus Park | Theaters, Stadiums |
| 2 | Broadway | Opera House, YMCA, Gem Theater *(Did you know? The Gem, all 5.5 million lbs. of it, was moved 5 blocks in 1997 to make way for Comerica Park.)* |
| 3 | Cadillac Center | Detroit Public Library, Compuware, Campus Martius |
| 4 | Greektown | **Don’t get off here.** |
| 5 | Bricktown | Interesting (?) brick buildings |
| 6 | Renaissance Center | GM HQ |
| 7 | Millender Center | Views of Jefferson Ave, GM HQ |
| 8 | Financial District | Architecture: Art Deco style buildings (e.g. Penobscot, Guardian, etc.) |
| 9 | Joe Louis Arena | *You’ll depart the station here.* Go down ramp all the way to street—Steve Yzerman Dr.—turn left, follow path that dead ends into riverfront. Walk down to Hart Plaza and meet for lunch. If we need to kill time before or after eating, kids will work on their poems. |
| 10 | Cobo Center | **Don’t get off here.** Nothing to see. |
| 11 | Fort/Cass | Not much going on here. Still worth stopping here to look for little, hidden poems. |
| 12 | Michigan | **If time allows, get off here. We’ll decide at lunch.** |
| 13 | Times Square | Sights and sounds of Grand River Ave. |
| 14 | Grand Circus Park | While waiting for the group, chill out in GCP and work on some poems. |